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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Public Opinion. That which controls, whether in a Republic or an Empire, a Monarchy or an Olighary, is public opinion. The difference is in the readiness, and comparative ease or difficulty with which this Public Opinion gets itself heard, and obeyed. Otherwise the difference between a Republic and a Monarchy is not worth reckoning. In a Republic the Public gets itself heard and heeded, or thinks it does, readily. In a Monarchy with patience and perseverance but expressed nevertheless. Portugal's public opinion said recently that Premier Franco was unbearable and must go. True a king or so stood in the way and, at last must needs be killed. All which is deplorable. But since public opinion can do no better then it will write out its decree in blood. In consequence there are fewer monarchs of a sudden, and a premier takes warning—and precipitately escapes to—oblivion. Where at public opinion expresses approval—and rings off.

Here is not saying that public opinion is always right, reasonable or rational. The opposite often may be. But after all it is that which in one way and another rules.

In a way we had evidence recently of how public opinion prevails here in our midst.

One year ago our Legislature was rather rampart, radical and reckless. The other day the very same body of men was called together to deliberate again. This time they were cool, cautious, conservative. These men had been at home a year, felt the pulse, had taken wisdom of a healthy, sound public sentiment. You would scarcely have considered it the same body.

A man may think that he does not count; that his sentiment and opinion are not worth while. Therein if a sane man, he is in error, His, yours, is a part of the great public opinion that makes and unmakes rules, and tears down. Every citizen owes it to every other to cultivate a sober, safe, healthful sentiment for it is the decree of Almighty God that "no man liveth to himself."

Colds and Grip. A mere cold is not the grip, but they have a cousinly feeling for each other, and are both contagious: the one being caught from ignorance or carelessness, the other from a germ. Yes, the grip is a germ. So the medical authorities assert. Dr. Wood Hutchinson in a thorough study of colds and grip says emphatically through The Saturday Evening Post.

"First of all, that typical cold of colds, influenza, or the grip, is now unanimously admitted by authorities to be a pure infection, due to a definite germ, the bacillus influenzae of Pfeiffer, and one of the most contagious diseases known.

Each of the great epidemics of it — 1830-33; '36-37; '47-48, and, of most vivid and unblessed memory, '89-90—can be traced in its stately march completely across the civilized world, beginning, as do nearly all our world epidemics—cholera, plague, influenza, etc.—in China, and spreading, via India or Turkestand, to Russia, Berlin, London, New York, Chicago. Moreover, its rate of progress is precisely that of the means of travel, camel-train, post-chase, railway, as the case may be. The earlier epidemics took two years to spread from Eastern Russia to New York; the latter ones, forty to sixty days. Soon it will beat Jules Verne or Geoge Francis Train. So intensely "catching" is it that letters written by sufferers have been known to affect the correspondents who received them in a distant town, and become the starting point of a local epidemic."

As to the cure the same writer says colds and grip are most effectually treated by the inhalation of non-poisonous germicidal or antiseptic vapors and sprays. But better than this the same eminent authority says as to prevention:

"Now comes the question: 'What are we going to do about it?' Obviously, we cannot 'go gunning' for these countless billions of germs, of fifteen or twenty different species. Nor can we quarantine every one who has a cold. Fortunately, no such radical methods are necessary. All we have to do is to take Nature's hint of the anti-bodies and improve upon it. Healthy cells can grow fat on a diet of such germs, and, if we keep ourselves vigorous, clean and well-ventilated we can praetically defy the 'cold' Devil and all his works.

Here is the leitmotif of the whole fascinating drama of infection and immunity. We can study only one phase here. We shall, of course, catch cold occasionally, but will throw it off quickly, and probably form anti-bodies enough to last us a year or more. How can this be done? First and foremost by living and sleeping as much as possible in the open air. This helps in several different ways. First, by increasing the vigor and resisting power of our bodies; second, by helping to burn up, clean and rid our tissues of waste products which are poisons if retained; third, by greatly reducing the risks of infection.

The first thing to do is to get the outdoor habit. This takes time to acquire; but, once formed, you wouldn't exchange it for anything else on earth. The next thing is to learn to sit or sleep in a gentle current of air all the time you are indoors. You ought to feel uncomfortable unless you can feel air blowing across your face night and day. Then you are reasonably sure it is fresh, and it is the only way to be sure of it."

God's greatest and freest gift to mankind is fresh air and pure water. And yet half the world fears fresh air as if it were a pest, and the other half use water as if it were infected and came at high price.

The best friends to man's body are fresh air and much water. To be sparing with either is simple and sinful folly.

These headings were on the first page of a last Monday's daily "Chief of Police Killed." "Six Die at Grade-Crossing" "Operatic Singer at Portsmouth, N. H. declares her Husband Slew Her Brother." "One Killed, Fifteen Injured in Trolly Accident." "Catholic Priest Foully Murdedred." "Wealthy Italian Murdered." "Killed on His Way to Church." "Kills Father-in-law in Self-Defence." "Love Sick Youth Shoots Himself." "Woman Commits Suicide in a Tragic Manner." "South Carolina Constable Killed by a Negro." "Aged Woman Ends Life rather than be a burden to Son." All this on one page, and last Sunday was not an unusually bad day for murder and tragedies either—so far as we have learned.

Rejoice in the Lord alway.

FRANKLIN LETTER.

I have just returned home after a ten days visit to Elon College, during which time I conducted a meeting. Others will write about the meeting.

It has only been eight years since I was at Elon a student, but those few years have brought many changes, and I am delighted with the improved appearance. It is even more beautiful than ever—I really could hardly bring myself to believe it to be "Mine old familiar friend." Its new dormitory, with all the modern conveniences, is one of the best I know. All the college buildings are well equipped, and heated by electricity; and that is not all, for the student body is almost double and they look and act so well that I love them all. I rejoice with, not only President Mof- I rejoicewith, not only President Moffitt, but with our people in the South especially, and elsewhere, for the work of Elon is not confined to the South.

I have believed that Christian education would bring a revolution, such as will take the ignorant and train them to be good citizens; that will take the vicious and train them to imitate the Son of God, and I am more convinced, since I have seen the faculty of Elon College, not as instructors only, but as personal workers, pointing the young men and women to Jesus Christ the Savior of the world. I have never seen such efficient personal workers, both faculty and students, as in this meeting.

One other thing I would like to mention, the Christian Oprahnage, located at Elon. This institution is doing a great work for those who cannot care for themselves. My heart was made to rejoice when I saw several of these little boys and girls come out and decide to accept Christ. I visited them and sat at the long table, and enjoyed the noonday meal with them. God bless Bro. Foster and his helpers in this grand work. I thank God for what Christianity is doing in lifting up the fallen and caring for the dependent and helpless.

C. H. Rowland.

DURHAM LETTER.

We are moving steadily on in our work. Good attendance at our mid-week prayer meetings, with increased interest and a growth in grace among our brethren and sisters. We received Bro. D. W. Petty into full fellowship last Wednesday night. We are to have a revival commencing Sunday 16, and are praying and expecting a good meeting. Pray for us, dear reader, that the Lord may give us a gracious meeting and many converts and accessions to the church.

A. P. Barbee.

HENDERSON LETTER.

On account of the winter weather, work on the church building has been suspended till the spring. The foundation is completed and work begun on the walls. I am urging subscribers to pay and securing all new subscriptions and cash possible, so there will be no stopping when work is again begun. Since last report the following has been received in cash:

E. G. Davis $10.00; H. Beacum $5.00; J. R. Young $10.00; Mr. Thomas $2.50; Dr. F. R. Harris $10.00; J. A. Moore $5.00; Dr. E. L. Moffit $5.00; W. Z. Young $5.00; Mt. Auburn church $49.00. Collected from the following: William Kimball $10.00; Jake Kimball $10.00; Geo. Ellington $10.00; James Burroughs $5.00; John Brewer $3.00; David Newman $2.50; Carson Moore $2.50; Mrs. W. D. Newman $1.00; Byrd Ellington $5.00. Total amount recived on building to date, $1314.72.; Pledges not collected $ 600.00.

We hope to get our building so we can worship in it for about $3000.00. We feel exceding grateful for the liberal response our people have made to the cause here. C. E. Newman.

Feb. 5, 1908.

FIELD NOTES.

There is very little to report from my field out of the nsual routine during the winter months. At Virgilina the church improvements have been completed and indebtedness on same paid. The membership here is widely scattered and in winter the attendance of members is not so good as in summer. However, the town people of all denominations and many not connected with any church attend our services. Mrs. Newman and I are under obligations to sister Sallie Sanford and several others for substantial gifts received recently. Deacon Solomon Tuck, who died in December last, is greatly missed as he was a most faithful member. Miss Anna Apt. one of the best church workers I have ever known, has been in poor health for several months. She has recently returned from Leigh's Sanatarium for the third time and friends are hopeful of her recovery. There is being seen in the church here the need of organizing the young people and this will be done the 3rd Sunday afternoon in Feb.

Liberty has an evergreen S. S. and there are more young people in this community than in the average section which gives future to any church. The Christmas exercises were said to be a of a very high order. Bro. E. M. Newman, the Supt. is an inthusiastic worker and he has a very efficient corps of teachers to assist him. I was not at the Christmas tree, but received later a present in the nature of a purse of money gotten up by Mrs. I. M. Green and family.

Fullers has a small membership; but is gradually increasing in numbers each year. Some of the leading families of the community are among her numbers. Congregations are very good. There is some talk of enlarging the house of worship; the community being thickly settled, on special occasions larger house is needed.

The Henderson work is moving on encouragingly. The S. S. continues to have new additions; while church congregations have nearly doubled in past few months. A number of young men attend our evening services. We hope to worship in our new church by the middle of summer. There are reasons to hope that the work here will some day be self supporting. C. E. Newman.

Feb. 5, 1908.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

An Opium-pipe Fire.

The Opium traffic is a great curse to China as the rum traffic is a curse to this country and others. Christianity makes war against both of these evils. It seems that quite a victory has been gained in China in its war against Opium. The Opium dens are being closed up and in some instances their contents burned. This brings to our notice an account of the remarkable Opium-pipe fire beheld by thousands from the hill of Hen-chow, China, on the 28th of Sept. last. It was the time of the Autumn Festival held all over China. The people in the neighborhood of Hen-chow decided to have as a part of their celebration the burning of the pipes used in smoking and the trays used in holding the opium which is smoked. These were wrapped together in small bundles and thrown into two heaps of a pyramidal shape. six feet square and seven feet high. On the day of the burning people gathered from far and near, many of them covering the housetops round about to get a good view of the burning. Kerosene oil was applied and about 9:30 a. m. the two great heaps were set on fire. Then as the people cheerrd and shouted their approval the heaps went into ashes. The Chinese are becoming awakened and their attitude towards the opium evil puts to shame people of the so-called Christian nations. For instance, in Shanghai there are two sections: Old Shanghai composed simply of Chinese and the International Settlement com-

posed of Chinese, British, Europeans and Americans. The people of Old Shanghai drove out or closed up the 700 opium dens in their section and then they went to the International Settlement to induce them to close up their 1,600 opium dens and they refused on the ground that these dens paid an annual revenue of $50,000. Then when the Old Shanghai people got right down behind their neighbors in this matter they promised to gradually close them up, getting to the last not later than ten years hence. See what a hindrance to the triumph of the gospel is the love of money, which love is declared to be "the root of all evil." But the gospel is winning its way in the face of and in spite of the difficulties.. Another encouraging report that comes from China is that as the opium trade becomes less the demand for Bibles increases. The British Foreign Bible Society with headquarters at Shanghai sold 96,000 more Bibles during the months of July and August, 1907, than for the same months the year before. During the first eight months of 1907 there were issued 943,000 volumes. The man in charge says "I do not know where we shall be if this demand continues. It upsets all our calculations, makes estimates of little value, and brings gray hairs to those responsible for the meeting of demands." This sounds like the christians have things going their way and that the whole nation would soon be turned to Christ. But there is a great need for reinforcements and earnest prayer to God who has been leading in this great movement. While the Opium trade is being suppressed the market for Japanese beer is being increasd, the increase in its sale last year in Manchuria Korea and North China amounting to about $250,000. Satan is alive and very active and will take the united forces of christedom, the Lord using them, to wrest from his clutches the souls in heathen darkness. The church needs to get together and a little legislation by congress would help agreat deal also. As Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of the National Reform Bureau in Washington, suggests for the consideration of Congress this "Whereas, Many governments are working together under the lead of President Roosevelt to prohibit the sale and importation of Opium, * * * therefore, Resolved, that we earnestly petition congress thus to prohibit." Why not some one send up the petition that congress prohibit the sending from our shores the thousands of barrels of rum that go to help destroy the souls that the missionaries seek to save? If our famous President needs another star in his crown why should it be thought that he was too religious if he should make a plea along this line and thus aid the church in filling her mission?

W. D. Harward.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

First Quarter, Lesson IX, March 1, 1903.
Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.
John 6:1-21.

Golden Text, He shall feed his flock like a shepherd. Isa. 40:11.

Lesson Story.

A year had passed since Christ had healed the man at the pool. The year had been a busy one, as we may learn from the other evangelists. Jesus needs a rest and wishes to have a report of the individual work of the apostles.

The news of Herod's great crime led him to seek retirement beyond Herod's jurisdiction. Going by boat across the sea of Galilee, a great multitude followed aroud on foot and came to the place where Jesus was.

In the evening the apostles spoke to Jesus saying: This is a lonely place, where there is nothing to eat, and now it is near night: therefore send the people away that they may go and buy. Jesus said they need not go away; give you them something to eat.

The apostles suggested that they go and buy, but asked what would two-hundered penny-worth ($34.) serve among so many. Jesus bids them find how much they have of provisions. They find five loves and two small fishes. These are presented, the company made to sit down in rows upon the grass. A blessing invoked, the disciples are told to distribute to the people. The food is so increased that all have a full meal. The fragments are gathered in sufficient quantity to fill twelve baskets.

It was found that the number fed was five thousand men, besides women and children. When the people saw this miracle they wanted to make Jesus king. He did not desire this and withdrew The disciples again went to the sea and by boat started across. When they were about half way across, a storm came upon them. Three fourths of the night gone and they still struggling against the adverse winds and restless waves. Jesus at once went to them walking upon the water, who having allayed their fears, calmed the sea and soon they were safe upon land.

The Lesson Application. 1. All workers for Jesus need seasons of rest, retirement, meditation and communion with him. No one can do the best work without these seasons.

2. Jesus did not repel the multitude because they came to him from an inferior multitude. He welcomed them however they came, but sent them away fed, healed, helped.

Jesus cares for the bodies as well as the souls of the multitudes. Jesus knows our temporal, as well as our spiritual need. But now, as then, he ever leads us through earthly to spiritual blessings.

3. The hungering multitudes were a picture of the great world, restless and hungry. They need to be satisfied with love and forgiveness and hope and faith and courage. They are dying for the bread of life but do not realize what they need.

4. Jesus conferred great privilege upon the disciples in making them the instruments of conferring his bounty.

When we give freely what God gives us, when we as individuals and churches distribute to others the blessings God bestows, we shall find that more is left than we received at first. A missionary church doing most and giving most for the heathen is most prosperous at home in all spiritual usefulness. Individuals will find the same rule holding true. They gain spiritual life by imparting it. They gain clearer views of truth by teaching others. This is one of the teacher's greatest rewards. They grow richer in all thas is best in life who give freely of the money God gives them.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. J. L. Foster was at Apples Chapel last Sunday and had a most pleasant and profitable visit among the brethren there. There was liberal response to his plea for our good Orphanage.

Remember we will give The Christian Sun a year, and Gypsy Smith's Sermons, a book of 250 pages, for $1.65. Or The Sun a year and ten packages fresh garden seeds for $1.50. The Sun and Review of Reviews (a regular $3.00 magazine) both for $3.00. Now is the time to renew.

Rev. L. W. Crawford, D. D., for many years editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, but of late presiding elder of the Asheville N. C. district died at Asheville Fe. 21. He contracted cold while going to an appointment. Pneumonia developed which resulted in death after a very brief illnes.

Rev. W. T. Walters, Harrisonburg, Va. reports the weather fearfully cold, but church work by no means inactive in the Valley. If there are two more persistent, earnest, zealous workers than W. T. Walters and A. W. Andes, Harrisonburg, Va. we do not know where to find them.

Bro. L. M. Clymer, Greensboro, N. C. has issued a letter to every delegate to the next session of our general Convention which is to meet in Greensboro April 28. Bro. Clymer, as chairman of the entertainment committee, insists that those who wish homes and entertainment during the Convention must write him. He can only promise homes to those who do write. This is important.

An Italian anarchist, kneeling at the altar of a Catholic church in Denver, Col. Feb .23, shot and instantly killed the priest from whom he had just received the sacrament. The anarchist admitted that the priest was a stranger to him and that he killed him because he hated all priests as they were all opposed to the laboring man. There is no deed thinkable or conceivable to the human mind too destardly and wicked for an avowed anarchist to perpetrate.

Dr. Len G. Broughton of Atlanta announces the Tabernacle Bible Conference this year for March5—16. Among the noted Bible students and ministers to lecture are Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, of London, Dr. A. C. Dixon of Chicago, Dr. Elmore Harris of Toronto, Dr. James Buchannon of Edinborough, Melvin E. Trotter, Grand Rapids, Mich., W. R. Moody, Northfield, Mass. The railroads are to give reduced rates and the conference promises to be even better than heretofore.

Rev J. O. Cox, pastor South Norfolk Christian church "All goes well in my field and the outlook is encouraging."

One kind, good brother in renewing for The Sun says, "Let The Sun shine in my home another year, for it is as much a necessity in my family as is the corn that grows in the fields here." Thanks brother. May your kind multiply and replenish the earth.

"I like the new style of The Sun and think it now better than ever," are words which appear in a letter before us—which words will not be forgotten and will serve as a reminder to urge us to further improvement, as fortune and friends may favor us.

From the reports of Rev. B. F. Black, who is now Secretary of the Street Ry. Y. M. C. A. Memphis, Tenn., he is doing an excellent work, and a great deal of it. The Association under his management seems prosperous and thriving. Bro. Black's numerous friends will be grateful at his success.

A personal letter brought the intelligence of the death, at Carthage N. C., Feb. 20, of Bro. E. J. Driver, Driver, Va. Because of his wife's poor health both were wintering at Carthage. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of the demise. The interment was from the Suffolk Christian Church last Sunday p. m. Bro. Driver was a faithful and consistent member of Berea (Nansemond) Christian Church and for years a teacher in the Sabbath school there. It was this writer's privilege to visit his hospitable and happy home not infrequently, and hold family worship there many times. How sweet were those seasons, because we always felt that we were bowing at a true Christian altar there and because Bro. Driver and his amiable companion seemed to be so glad and grateful for religious service in their home.. His was one of the most joyous and agreeable homes we ever visited. The last time we were together he purposely sought an interview for extended conversation about his spiritual condition. His was a modest, unassuming loyal disposition, and always longed to do some good without the world's knowing it. He pressed $25.00 into my hand to go as a gift "from a friend" to the Christian Orphanage. The world is the poorer for the going away of E. J. Driver, for his kind and character are all too few here below. A noble, courteous, honorable, amiable Christian soul has gone to his reward. We extend to the bereaved family a friend's deepest sympathy.

In the death of M. J. W. McCauley, Chapel Hill, N. C., about which our obituary columns speak this week, Damascus Christian Church has lost a loyal member, a strong support and a faithful deacon. His was a home in which the Word and worship of God were held in higest reverence, and where Christian hospitality and sweet fellowship were always in evidence. His noble Christian wife went to the glory land several months ago, his children had many years ago married and builded homes of their own. So in the death of Bro. McCauley there is one family altar less in the land and one worshipper more at the throne of the Most High. His name will be of sacred memory and this is a better world for his having lived in it.

Sister M. J. W. White, Norfolk Va., died last Sunday at 11: 35 a. m. Funeral Tuesday 25th 2 p. m.

Sister White was one of the most amiable and saintly women we ever knew. The spirit of her Master was manifest in all her ways and the very expression of her face showed in Whom she put her faith. If we mistake not she was, before marriage a Miss Harris, daughter of Deacon John T. Harris of sainted name and memory. To dear Bro. White and his bereaved family our sympathy is extended. An angel spirit has gone to another and better home.

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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We have an evergreen Sunday-school, and as faithful superintendant and teachers as I have ever seen. Bro. C. W. Carter is our pastor, and is held in high esteem in our community by all who have become acquainted with him.

I was reading recently of King Edward VI. of England, who was early trained in Sunday schools, by pious teachers to love the Bible. When quite a child, he was playing with some children about his own age. He wished very much to reach something which was above his head. To assist him they laid a large, thick book in a chair for him to step on. Just as he was putting his foot upon it, he discovered it was a Bible. Drawing back, he took it in his arms, kissed it and returned it to its place, and turning to his little playmates, said, "Shall I dare to tread under my feet that which God has commanded me to keep in my heart?" We should all revere nce the Book of all books, the Bible, and attend Sunday-school and learn this Book. My dear superintendent made a deep impression on my heart last Sunday at Sunday-school. The Sunday before was so disagreeable that we did not have any chool. At the close of the school Uncle Jack said, It seems that it has been a month since I have seen you all. I want to meet you all in heaven, and if I get there before you do, I will be waiting for you." May God help us to consecrate our lives to Him, and work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. I shall be satisfied with one star in my crown.

I feel tonight, if I am worthy of a crown, I would be humble enough to take it to my Savior and lay it at His feet and sing,

"All hail the power of Jesus name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
An crown him Lord of all."

David W. Shepherd.

Roanoke, Ala.

HOLLAND ITEMS.

The funeral of Mr. Z. T. Holland, who died last Thursday, took place at the Baptist church here Friday the 7th inst. Rev. Mr. Clark, of the Baptist church, preached the funeral, he being a member of the Baptist church, a few miles away. A very large crown attended the solemn services, as he was well known and had many relatives and friends. I did not attend the funeral; but learn all the exercises were fitting, solemn and impressive.

Our church services were well attended the 9th inst., both morning and night.

Without any feeling or attempt to flatter, I must be allowed to say, the sermon at both serviees, morning and night were of special interest and excellenee. Bro. Newman usually entertrains us with edifying, gospel sermons but last Sunday's sermons were supere exeellent.

My health it seems to have improved some for a week or more. Those touches, or strokes of paralysis, do not eome so frequent and strong as they did a week or so ago, and my appetite is some better. How long this may last, God only knows, and He can fit me for every trial.

Judge R. H. Rawls of Suffolk, was up here to-day seeing the heirs to the estate of Z. T. Holland, deceased, preparatory to the division and settlement of the estate of the said deceased.

We are having much sickness now, all through the country. The cases generally, however, are mostly malarial, or typhoid fever, not of so severe a type. Doctors, however, are kept quite busy, making day, as well as night visits, often.

R. H. Holland.

ALABAMA LETTER.

Dear Editor: My work, this year, consists of two churehes and one mission point. On the first Sunday and Saturday before, in each month I go to Mt. Zion. The congregations have not been large so far, on aecount of the bad weather. But we have some good people, and those who love their church. Besides that they remember their pastor in a substantial way which makes me feel under many obligations to them for so doing.

I attend the mission appointment at Wadley (Ala.) each second Sunday. Because we had no place to hold services I did not preach there until the second Sunday in February. As the conference has undertaken this work, with me in its employment, I hope all the churches will feel interested in this work. I think the location a desirable one; and hope we will be successful in undertaking it.

I am at Columbus, Ga., on the third and fourth Sundays, including the week between. We have a number of faithful workers at Columbus. While the congregations are not large, I suppose some have good excuses as they are being detained on account of measles, grip and other sickness. But the Sunday school is doing good work. The classes are organized. Each took a special work, after their organization last April, and as a result our church is being furnished good up-to-date furniture. Class No.1. Mrs. A. A. Terrell, teacher, has given a book-case at a cost of $10.00. Class No. 2, J. T. Cox, teacher, has given a cushioned divan and two chairs for the pulpit at a cost of $17.55. These were bought last November. Classes No. 3 and 4, Miss Myrtice Terrell, teacher has given three pedestals valued at $34.00, for the pulpit. These classes are composed of the small boys and girls who began to work for this purpose about the last of January. The school has other things in view whieh they are expecting to do at an early date.

This is only a beginning of what organization will do. Not only in Sunday school I wish all the schools would try it—but in church work as well. We need organized efforts. It will keep eaeh individual member in touch with the others in failure or successes, as all the members suffer together and rejoice together.

E. M. Carter.

Truett, Ala.

A rich lady of seventy-three years has the record for reading, says a Chicago librarian. "She has read, our books show, over 15,000 volumes, 300 volumes a year, since the year 1854." He also states that the average subscriber reads in the course of a year from seventy-five to 100 volumes, "though we have many clients who get through 200 volumes every twelve months. Those who buy their books read much less. The bookbuyer who reads 100 books in a year is a very rare bird." We venture the proposition that that lady does very little thinking and would be very much confused if questioned about the books she had read. We venture also the assertion that the clients who get through 200 volumes every twelve months read mostly novels, and the majority of them the flimsy sort. We venture another statement, that the large majority of his omnivorous readers are women, and women that do not care much for the house, house work, for the children and what they are about, and for the cares of a happy home.—Ex.

It is reported from Washington that Congress is to pass a bill, at an early date, restoring the words, "In God We Trust" to all the coins of larger denomination insued by the United States, and President Roosevelt has given assurance that he will not veto the bill.

Since our government began to patronize expositions it has spent $28,752,250 in that behalf. The coming exposition at Seattle, Wash., June 1, to Oct. 15, 1909, does not propose to ask aid of the government, only to participate as foreign countries do. Work is already under way for the fair, having been begun in earnest June 1, last.

RELIGION.

To the majority of mankind the most fascinating and interesting subject in all the world is that of religion. Like electricity, gravity, it is much more easy to recognize some of its attributes than to give of it a complete definition. The world looks for the man who can tell what religion is.

Here are some of the attempted definitions: "Religion is the search for the secret of life." Dr. Minot Savage.

"Religion is man's commission with what he believes to be a god of gods; his sense of relationship to and dependence on a higher and mysterious agency, with all the thoughts, emotions, and actions which proceed therefrom." Prof. Flint.

"Religion means the knowledge of our destiny and of the means of fulfilling it." Bishop Creighton.

"Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James.

"By religion, I understand the belief and worship of Supreme Mind and Will, directing the Universe, and holding moral relations with life." Martineau.

"Religion is the music of the Infinite echoed from the hearts of men." H. Felding Hall.

In studying or defining anything, the close thinker recognizes the axiomatic fact that he starts on his journey from home, and at the basis of our definitions are the elements of our being; heredity, environment, self will. These act and interact, so that man is a compromise of the past and present, not only, but the product of everything that has reached him. So in giving a definition of religion. A man's belief of the highest religion is that which he has seen or experienced—is paramount. Dr. W. J. Dawson in his excellent book "The Empire of Love," boldly states, "Christianity as it exists today, is in the main, a misrepresentation, and a misinterpretation of Christ; not consciously indeed—if it were so the remedy would be easy; but unconsciously, which makes the remedy difficult." and he goes on to say that this comes from thoughtlessness, which is more obdurate than the worst perversity of ignorance, because it recognizes no need of enlightenment.

Now if W. J. Dawson, who has seen the best of orthodox Protestantism in Great Britian and the United States, which are considered the two best Protestant nations, if he deliberately states that Christianiy as it exists today is in the main, a misinterpretation and a misrepresentation of Christ, is it not high time that all free men examine the Christianity of the day for themselves? For if we do not understand Christianity, how can we understand the sacred beliefs and religions of other people, how can we we intelligently work for missions, how can we set ourselves up as teachers of humanity?

Every little insignificant sect thinks it has the whole truth and talks about God as if he were its next door neighbor and were not on speaking terms without her religions or churches. What a comedy of errors the religious world presents! And this confusion of tongues can be seen in miniature in our own church. We do not know whether we are a denomination or not, we do not know whether Unitarian Universalists, "Higher Critics," have a right to live within our sacred precincts. We, as a denomination or church, or organization do not know whether we stand in Christian character as the test of fellowship, or the divinity of Christ, or the infalilbility of the Bible, or the right of individual opinion, liberty on things that no one cares about, or the union of all Christians. Yet we can demand all the world to accept our principles, welcome every adventurer that comes our way, and claim that every man is a mercenary who leaves us. Does it ever occur to us that perhaps we need to do a little missionary work at home, understand ourselves a little better in order to see God and the world clearly? "If thine eye be single etc."

Perhaps the quickest way to save the world, is to save ourselves first, and tear out the rafters in our own eyes, so that we may see hat little speck in our brother's eye. And then, not only will we not only have "heaven born principles" to present the world, but we will have "heaven born men and women," who unlike the Puritans, shall be willing to grant that same liberty to others, which they themselves enjoy. Can we, will we, pay the price for such a religion?

Carlyle Summerbell.

Swansea, Mass.

LIFE AS A VAPOR.

Nothing seems to have impressed itself so early and so deeply upon the consciousness of the human race as the uncertainty and brevity of human life. To the early man everything seemed permanent about him while he alone was evanescent. His life was but a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanished. So it was that ancient men of might strove to link their names and fame with something that would remain when their three score years and ten passed. The kings of the east built great fortified cities. The Pharoahs of Egypt built the pyramids as their own monuments; and men of genius have left monuments that shall outlast brass and stone. But still human life is a vapor that appeareth for a little while and then vanisheth away.

Every man who has thought deeply has philosophized about that gift which God gives to every man, to some in greater, and to others in smaller measure —the gift of time. Time is your most precious possession. A man may lose a fortune and if he be given time he may regain it. He may lose health but in time regain it. He may lose reputation but if he be given time he can live down the deeds of the past and again stand as a man among men. But if a man lose a year of his life it can never be regained. No man is fleet enough of foot to catch up with time that has passed him by.

How short the time seems since we welcomed the beginning of nineteen hundred and seven. Yet the sun has risen on 365 days and that is no inconsiderable portion of our lives. It seems but yesterday that we were children and played at our mother's knees. How distinctively we recall our playmates; the little brother or sister who shares our joys and our little sorrows, and perhaps they are no longer among the living. Their life was a vapor that appeareth for a little and then vanished away.

The years of your past life are as a string of pearls. Take them up and examine them one by one. There are the bright ones of childhood. Here later is one that is lustrous with joy. That year fortune seems to have marked you for her own, but next to it is one clouded with sorrow. Here is one brilliant with success; next to it is one dark with failure. What memories and experience those years bring up as you examine them one by one.

The years of your life are a book of which you have written the pages. Look them over and read the record. Here are some pages that are almost blank. How prodigal you were of time when you were younger. How you regret the wasting of those precious years and here are some pages terribly blotted. You can probably recall the sin and the shame for which each blot stands, and how you promised yourself and your God, that the fault should never be repeated. And here and there are records which you would gladly erase if you could. What we write with pen and ink may be erased, but what we write in the book of life can never be erased. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can conceal the blots and cover the

blanks of misused years. Let us learn from life's brevity the preciousness of the hours and keep that ever before us in this New Year. Our boyhood time walks, middle life ambles, and old age pants in breathless haste to reach the goal and have done with. A day is a week to a child, and a week is but a day to the aged. In our halcyon youth we spur the days to greater speed but at the other end of life when the number of weeks runs low in our coffers we use them with increasing economy.

In your life there is probably no more painful contrast than that between what you are capable of doing and what you really accomplish. It is appalling to think of the vast amount of unused and misused energy in the world. If all men could be persuaded to do their best and use to the best purpose the time which God gives we would soon have a race of angels upon the earth.

But men run riot with their lives and at death they have nothing to carry with them except an armfull of regrets. Their lives are like a prairie fire which consumes everything as it goes and leaves nothing but blackened ashes. What is more tragic than a besotted or awasted life. Let such a man come to his senses and see himself once as he is, let him look upon the falling tears of a heart broken wife and see the ruinous appetite which he has transmitted to his children and which may drag them into the same life as his. And let him know that while God gives him time, that while God gives a New Year into his life there is no time for recovery.

But there is no time to be lost for our life is like a vapor and no man knoweth the day nor the hour when he shall be called upon to render an account of the use he has made of life which God gave him.

But even though this life be but a vapor in its transiency on this earth yet it shall outlast the mountains and the glory and the opportunities which may lie before a wellspent life beyond the three score and ten years are beyond our ken. Our lives are little, but in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ their possibilites are great.

If that be so we may take heart in our New Year greeting. The months may speed as they will, the days may come and go like lightning flashes. December snows may cover the sod like a shroud, it matters little. There will be other years in other places and under better conditions. Let the bright hope give us cheer, hope for a better and brighter life, renewed friendship and renewed power of accomplishment. A happy New Year to the Sun readers everywhere. M. W. Hall.

THE GLORY OF WORK.

Oh, into how many a married woman's life comes drudgery where there ought to be joy! She wanted to please her husband, she wanted to have his love and approbation; she counted on it; it was her only wage. She could earn more as a professional nurse and quite as much as nurse-maid or cook as she is earning as a wife, if that were all. But she wanted love, and the wages are not paid. She gets criticism in plenty, but never a word of approbation, never a word of thanks, scarcely the signs and tokens of the common courtesy that her husband as a gentleman would pay to another woman; and gradually the expectation of pleasing him dies out, and gradually even the wish to please him follows out of the door after the expectation, and she goes on living her life of drudgery because the hope has died out of it. You know this. Now Christ comes with his message to men: Work—it is not from fear; it is not for food or clothing or shelter—these are the mere incidents; work means service, and service means love, and love is the highest and greatest thing in the world. He comes to be the son of a carpenter; he does the common things of life; he calls common laborers about him; he beckons and the fishermen leave their boats, and he says, Follow me, and you shall catch men; he puts a new dignity in life; he sends forth his great Apostle, the tentmaker. Christianity went to free men, to slaves, to men who never had thought life was worth living, and carried his message. There is something you can do with your industry; be not eye-servants, be not men pleasers, remember that you have a Master in heaven; remember that it matters little for you whether you are working for him, and he does appreciate and does pay love's wages. Have you ever seen the dust in the country road, when suddenly the sun breaks through the clouds and shines upon it, and all the dust is luminous and turned to gold? So this message shines upon the dusty highway of ours, and all the drudgery of toil turns golden when life and love and hopes illuminate it.—Dr. Lyman Abbott.

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Important Notice.—As readers will see, The Christian Sun is now published at Greensboro, N. C. The office of publication there is 302½ South Elm Street. Our editorial office, however, remains at Elon College, N. C., to which all letters and communications to the Editor should be addressed, as heretofore.

JUSTIFYING EVIL.

There has never yet been an evil, or existed a wrong, that some human beings did not seek to justify. This is more especially true of public ills and wrongs. They have always some who will, by plausible argument, defend them.

For instance, up in New York evil doers have prostituted the constitution of that commonwealth by what is known as "The Race Track Infamy." This is not only a violation of the constitution but a most demoralizing institution in every way. Governor Hughes is making a campaign against the infamy, but, strange as it may seem, men are arguing that "this race track gambling is necessary in order to improve the breed of horses." It matters little that the governor answers this specious argument with the curt reply "I am in favor of improving the breed of horses, and of all other live stock. I am thoroughly in favor of doing all we can to improve the breed of men." That argument to many will be of no avail for where sin and evil reigns logic is of little weight. It is always so. Logic will not dislodge sin. It takes faith and the grace of God, to do that.

Not long since two gentlemen, both members of the church, in our presence argued that gambling dens, and houses of ill repute, were necessary in a city, for the reason that some men were evil, had the gambling instinct and passion and if these houses were not provided, honest people would not be safe in their places of business, and in their ordinary pursuits of trade. It was argued that these places would attract the bad and keep them from mingling with, and doing injury to, the good.

Of course there was no logic in the position, but what did logic count? It takes more than logic where sin abounds.

We were in a large business house in a certain city recently. The one in charge said he was a prohibitionist all right, believed in prohibition, thought we ought to have prohibition; but he should certainly not vote for that measure at the election in this state, May 26, next. The logic (?) used to justify this strange position was that men were going to have liquor and since other sates sold it ours would as well do so and keep the money at home. Still he favored prohibition—if the entire United States had it.

In such instances logic is cast to the winds. When desired excuse can always be found for getting on the wrong side of any question. It is easy indeed to justify evil.

But there is a world of difference between justifying evil in one's own mind and justifying one's soul and conscience before almighty God.

Evil is evil, wrong is wrong, and no sort of logic can change either.

JOY IN HELPING.

The only real happiness we shall win in this world is that happiness that comes in helping others. In order, therefore, says the axiom, to get happiness we have to forget it. Service is forever the source of joy—service for others. The person who is selfish will not undersand this. The selfish person will not, cannot see that it is more blessed to give than to receive. He knows that is in the Bible but feels that it appeals to another, or other conditions than his own. He so much enjoys getting, having, holding that he cannot see how more joy could come from giving. He has eyes and sees not; ears and hears not. The word of God is sure and steadfast.

There is no such thing as a selfish Christian. That is a contradiction in terms. To be selfish is to be contrary in all particulars to the Christian spirit. The miser may hit the next world, but he misses this one—all that there is in it worth while. There is only one use and worth of wealth in this world. That is to help us in our task of helping others to a better, brighter, happier life. Herein wealth yields her joy—the joy of helping others.

The most blessed one of all the ages was He who literally gave His life, gave all for the betterment of others. He was the great example. What He attained in fullness the rest may attain to some extent and degree. He was the most unselfish Soul that ever visited this earth of ours. To say that a selfish soul is a follower of His is a contradiction in thought, a travesty in speech and almost a sacrilege. He came to make a world of liberal, unselfish, happy souls— happiness through service to others.

APRIL 1.

Much as we may regret to do so, on April 1, all names on our subscription book not paid up within a year will have to go off. The government has made the ruling and Uncle Sam does not take excuses. We want to send The Sun into just as many homes as possible, but we cannot send it on a credit. The government's recent ruling is that we shall not.

Brethren and friends we are giving all fair warning. We urge and beseech We want to retain your name. We want you to have The Sun. You need the paper in your home: we need your subscription to help the paper. Do not delay the matter of renewal. For we must have your renewal, or cut off your name April 1. Do not forget the date.

Does Prohibition Prohibit? A great many people say that prohibition does not prohibit. Maybe it does not; no one claims that it does entirely, but talk is talk, and facts are facts. It is very easy to say things in a general, off-hand way. Come down to proof, and then facts tell.

Our friend and brother, Mr. A. P. Fuquay, Alexander City, Ala., which place now has prohibition, has very kindly examined for us the Mayor's docket of his town. That docket reveals these facts: In the month of January 1905 there were 11 convictions for drunkenness and misdemeanors traceable to drink. In the month of January 1906 there were fifteen convictions of like character, and in Jan. 1907 there were 18 similar convictions. (In December 1907, just the month before prohibition went into effect, there were 26 convictions for drunks and crimes traceable to drink). January 1908, the first month under prohibition, shows not a case of drunkenness reported and only one—charge preferred agains any one and that was against a peddler for selling goods on the street without license. "Moreover," closes the report "There has not been yet, Feb. 10, a single charge preferred for drinking nor drunkenness since Jan. 1, and the people are well pleased." This may be an exceptional record, but we have never yet known an instance in which crime and violation of law did not wonderfully decrease under prohibition.

The new armored cruiser, North Carolina, built at Newport News is said to be the finest, and has proven herself to be the fastest armored cruiser of the American Navy.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

Elliott Jefferson Driver of Driver, Va., is dead! His remains now lie in the parlor of his life-long personal friend, R. R. Smith, the clerk of Nansemond County, Va. The funeral services will be conducted from the Suffolk Christian church at 3:00 P. M. Sunday by his former pastor, Rev. N. G. Newman, assisted by the present pastor of Berea church, Rev. I. W. Johnson, and myself. He will be buried with Masonic honors and the Tom Smith Camp of Confederate veterans will attend in a body.

Mrs. Driver, who was in poor health was spending the winter in Carthage, N. C., and their youngest daughter, Mary, was with her mother. On January 20th, Mr. Driver and his married daughter. Mrs. Dr. Legare Hargrove, and his little grand daughter, Mary Francis, went to Carthage to spend awhile with Mrs. Driver. While there Mr. Driver was attacked with grippe which developed into pneumonia; and at 11:30 P. M., January 20th, exactly one month from the day he left home, he passed over the river to "rest under the shade of the trees."

His only son Dr. Wilson Driver of Norfolk, Va., and his son-in-law, Dr. Legare Hargrove of Deans, Va., both reached his bedside before the end came. He was rational up to a few hours before his decease and expressed himself beautifully and hopefully, saying, "I am ready to go." His consistent christian life ended in sweet resignation to the Divine will.

Mr. Driver was born in Isle of Wight County, Va., December 31, 1840 and he died Feb. 20, 1908.

He was a member of Co. C. 13th Va. Cavalry and was in the Confederate army during the four years of the Civil War. He was twice wounded at Middleburg in the famous cavalry encounter as the army of Northern Va., was moving toward Maryland and Pensylvania. He was descended from a gallant colonel of the war of the Revolution and was himself a brave and faithful soldier. The Tom Smith Camp met his remains at the station Friday evening; and it was pathetic to note how tender they were upon the arrival of the remains, in meeting his son and son-in-law.

Mr. Driver married Mary Ann Williams of Lower Parish, Nansemond county, Va., and they resided at the old homestead till the day of his death. His wife was an only child and a very fine character, and she now has the sympathy of a host of friends. They had three children, Mrs. Legare Hargrove, Dr. Wilson, and Miss Mary and all were at father's bedside when he went to the heavenly home.

Mr. Driver was an active worker and S. S. teacher in Berea Christian church and had the confidence and love of his entire community as a substantial citizen, a faithful husband and father, a true friend, and an exemplary christian.

I traveled with him the day he left his home to go to Carthage, N. C., to see his sick wife. Some ladies from New Bedford, Mass., in the Pullman that day, asked me who he was, and said: "we have looked at him and think he must be a typical southern gentleman." I introduced him to them and they were greatly pleased. They remarked to me several times that he was a very attractive gentleman and said: "he looks like he is such a good man." That was the last time I ever saw him.

His last lucid moments were so full of faith, of consideration for his family, of bright hope in Christ, that it was really sweet to hear his son tell the story of his death.

Berea church, his neighborhood, the Camp, the Masonic Lodge, his family and personal friends, suffer great loss in his departure; but they have been greatly blessed by his life, and are resigned to his entrance into glory.

Mr. Tobias Frances Broadwater of Wayeross, Ga., and Miss Sarah Catharine Eley daughter of Walter H. Eley, were married in the Suffolk Christian church, of which the bride was a useful member, at 3:30 P. M. on Tuesday February 18th, 1908. The church had been tastefully decorated by friends, and Prof. Wilber presided at the organ.

Dr. J. E. Rawls, the bride's uncle Mayor John B. Norfleet, Edward Fillmore, direct descendant of President Fillmore, and Lewis Brothers, acted as ushers. Miss Bessie Norfleet was maid of honor; Master Fillmore Norfleet was ring-bearer, carrying the ring on a rose; the bride's brother, Eugene was best man and her father gave her away. The groom is yard Master in Wayeross, Ga., for the Atlantic Coast Line and they will make their home in that city.

This makes five Suffolk Christian Church young ladies who have married this winter and left Suffolk to make their homes in other places; but it is certain they will impress strangers with their good manners, their genuine Christian character, and their personal worth. In this belief we send them to their new homes with our benediction. The Suffolk church has her witnesses all over this broad land and she is proud of them.

The presents were many and real tokens of love and the high esteem in which the bride was held by her friends who pray that the divine favor may rest upon her and hers as genially as the Georgia sunshine will fall upon her garden of flowers.

W. W. Staley.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

The Entertainment of the Clio Literary Society given last Saturday evening was of a very high type and was well attended by friends of the College, old students, and Alumni of the institution.

J. H. Vernon, Esq., Burlington, N. C. and Professors Lawrence and Harper constituted the judges of debate and decided in favor of the affirmative. The following programme was rendered.

Piano Solo, J. S. Lincoln. Oration, A. L. Lincoln. Humerous Selection ,V. W. Isley. Cornet Solo, R. A. Campbell. Oration, L. E. Holland.

Debate.

Query.—Resolved that, The United States should sell the Phillippine Islands, and Cease Her Political Operations in the East.

Affirmative: J. F. West, Jr., (Va.) R. A. Campbell, (Va.)

Negative: H. A. Moffit, (N. C.), J. W. Barrett, Jr., (Va.)

Music by the Glee Club, Selected, S. M. Patton, Pres. J. W. Barney, Sec'y.

Marshalls:—H. W. Riedel (Chief.), J. P. Farmer, G. A. Griffin.

The 22nd was observed as a holiday, and the usual exercises by the young people were rendered in honor to the anniversary of the birth of the Father of Our Country. The students of Elon College regard Virginia the Mother of Presidents, as the greatest state in the union and especially so because Washington was born during the school period of the year. They are discussing the wisdom of honoring in similar way Lee, Jefferson, Henry and all the other great men living and dead that Virginia has produced.

Rev. M. L. Winston and wife were welcome visitors to the College this week and spent Sunday with us enjoying the various religious exercises of the day. Bro. Winston made a talk to the student body Monday morning and showed the wisdom that comes by experience in advising them to prepare for useful leaders in life.

Dr. J. O. Atkinson, pastor, preached in the College Chapel Sunday

The Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening in the College Chapel took tthe subject of Missions for study and several talks were made by different teachers and students, showing facts concerning the missionary work of the Christian Church

The revival meeting mentioned in our notes last week has had a splendid influence over our student life. It remains for students of Christian experience and other Christian people to follow up this work and guide the young converts into the deeper truths of Christianity.

W. C. Wicker.

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Monthly S. S. Offering.

Suffolk, Va.	11.32
Berea (Ns'd) Va.	4.17
Wentworth, N. C.....	1.42
Christian Union N. C. ..	2.05
Palm St. Greensboro, N. C.	.95

Special Offerings.

Antioch Christian Church Ala.	.20
1 picture	.20
by Rev. G. D. Hunt Pas.	
Spoon's Chapel	1.00
by S. L. McPherson	
9 pictures (C. E. N.)	2.25
by Miss Beulah Evans	
Amt. 4th week, 1908	$26.62
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Elon College, N. C.
Feb. 19, 1908.

My Dear Children and Friends:

The time passes so fast that we can not keep up with our opportunities, nor do all of our duties as we should do; because of lack of equipment. Each person at this age of rush work should be on the order of a specialist, a professor of his work—a master of his position. In this way me might meet the duties of life better day by day. So cousins and friends in our Orphanage work do not say I am going to do ntxt year "so and so" but accept the opportunity now and do what is in your heart to do. Friends have said that they were thinking and intended doing something, but time goes swiftly on and years have passed and those purposes have not been accomplished. We are working out day by day the practical side of this church work and feeding and clothing and teaching this family of happy boys and girls and while we appreciate the good promises of many it takes cash and donations in kind to lay the foundation and begin the ways and equipment of an institution which is to turn out a character of manhood and womanhood which is to be helpful to the church, and reflect honor and joy upon those who have given the means to build The Christian Orphanage.

Last Sunday at the 11 a. m. service at Elon Christian church the following members of our orphanage family felt to join the church and were baptized. Lela Canada, Annie Knott, Dollie Brooks Thomas Waldon, Walter Mitchell, Willie Knott, Eveston Morris, William Brown, Tyler Bolling and Andrew Curling. Some of these children are young from 10 years up to 14; they came of their own will and asked to join the church and when they showed such interest the Supt. advised all to join at one time. Uncle Wellons, the assistant pastor received them into fellowship and baptized them. We hope they may prove very faithful and grow in to good and useful men and women. Pray for the Orphan child!

We are glad to add to our farm family "Rachael" a nice young black jersy cow. This cow come as a gift from friends at Pinehurst, N. C. through Uncle Rufus P. King who has manifested great sympathy and given much help to us recently for which he has our thanks.

If some liberal friend will send us a $50.00 check we will add "Bill"—the mule also to our farm family!

The following donations have been received since last report:

Rev. Rufus King, High Point, N. C., 1 cow, "Rachael" by friends at Pinehurst, N. C. also check $3.20 to pay freight on cow by friends at High Point, N. C., and 2 milk buckets, candy, crackers, 1 knife.

Ruth Johnson, Cardenas, N. C., 1 pr. mittens, 1 comb and brush, 3 hdksf. 1 match holder.

Mrs. Sarah Fix, Burlington, N. C., 13 cakes soap, strch, washing powder, and 1 bottle vanila.

Adrian Carroll, Burlington, N. C., magazines and boys papers.

J. M. Saunders, Elon College, N. C., 1 oak molasses barrel for "kraut" next fall.

Many of our Sunday-schools are becoming like clock work in their regularity with the monthly offering. Will other

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schools join in? We would appreciate very much if all pastors and friends would send in all money for pictures on hand and press the selling of remaining pictures.

With much delight at our progress, I am, Sincerely yours,

Uncle Jim.

Dear Uncle Jim:

We enjoy the letters of the Cousins so much, especially your letter. We love to know about the orphanage. Enclosed find our dimes for Feb.

Fondly,

J. Newman Denton.

S. E. Denton Jr.

Thank you boys. The more we know of any good thing the more interest we take in it.

De Armanville, Ala, R. F. D. 1,
Feb. 14th 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write my letter for Feb. Please find my dime.

With much love to you and Aunt Myrtle and all of the cousins,

Your friend,

Perla Pate.

All O. K. Perla. Your monthly dues credited.

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131 Lovitt Ave., Norfolk, Va,
Feb. 13th 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed you will find P. O. Money order for sixty cents, my dues for the first six months this year. I am always glad to hear the cousins' letters. I hope to read them for myself soon, as I am now going to school.

Hoping the orphans are well and happy, I am, Your little nephew,

Edward J. Brickhouse, Jr.

Our little ones are busy learning to read and write too Edward, and most of them are doing well.

Smithfield, Va., Feb. 10, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

This is my first letter that I have written to you. I hope it won't get lost. Give my love to the little children. Enclosed please find ten cents for the band.

With love to you all,

Alese Squires.

Here is your letter, Alese, safe and sound and glad we are to get it. Be sure to write again.

Roanoke, Ala, Feb. 10, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

It has been a long time since I wrote to you last. This morning everything is covered in ice it is certainly beautiful wish you could be with us.

I went to Sunday school yesterday but did not get wet. I send my dime for Jan. and Feb. I will close for fear I stay too long.

Your niece,

Flemmie S. Parker.

Yes, Flemmie the weather has been cold but ice is very pretty indeed as it hangs in icicles from the trees or covers the house and fields.

Durham, N. C. Feb. 10, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I am a little girl 10 years old. And would like to join the little band of cousins. Hoping that this, my first letter will not find its way to the waste basket, I will send ten cents for the band. Love to you and all the cousins.

Your niece,

Brooks Straynorn.

No waste basket Brooks I assure you will get your letter. So be sure to write again.

Henderson N. C. Feb. 11, 1908.

I am too sleepy to write, or have mother to write a long letter to-day. So will just send my dime and love to the little orphans.

Your little boy,

Charles E. Newman Jr.

Thanks baby-kin for your dime and we will excuse you for just this one time.

New Hill, N. C. R. F. 1 Feb. 14, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed you will find 25 cents for my past dues. Excuse me for waiting so long to write. With best wishes.

Your niece,

Vada Marks.

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THE PROPOSED PROHIBITION LAW
..What It Will and What It Will Not Do

By

State Organizer of the Anti-Saloon League.

1. What it will do.

It will abolish every licensed whiskey and brandy distillery in the state.

It will abolish every saloon and dispensary in the State.

It will stop the wine traffic within the State. For wine can be sold only at the place of manufacture in quantities of two and one-half gallons or more and not shipped anywhere in the State.

It will stop the sale of all those chemical mixtures by whatever name known that will produce intoxication.

It will place under the most stringent and binding regulations pharmacists and physicians, who may handle intoxicating liquors for medical purposes only.

It will allow the officials of any country or town to regulate or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors by pharmacists in the drug stores.

2. What It will not Do.

It will not prohibit the farmer from making cider form fruits grown on his own land and selling the same at home or in his market town.

It will not stop the manufacturer from making his wine and shipping it outside of the State.

It will not stop the sale of those medical preparations and essences that may have alcohol in them to preserve them or to hold the medicinal agents in solution, such as camphor, vanilla, etc.

It will not repeal existing prohibition laws.

It will not prohibit the sale of wine to ministers or church officials for sacramental purposes.

If this law fails to be ratified by the people at the polls on May 26th, 1908, it will not affect the present status of any existing prohibition law in the State. In other words, the dry territory will not be changed.

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We are sure when you have studied this law you will agree with us that it is fair.

Under this law, Greensboro's voting wet would not make it wet, and Salisbury's voting dry would not make it dry, Under local option Greensboro has voted dry, and as a locality as such votes wet, while Salisbury has voted the other way. This vote on "the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors" in North Carolina is quite a different thing from local option.

Again, this law is right. For the influence of liquor is never local. Salisbury or Wilmington citizens, while controlling the sale of the traffic, do not control the dangerous and damaging influence of this traffic. This influence is felt hundreds of miles around. Every citizen in the State has a right to self-protection against the influence of this traffic, now centered at a few points, and the only way of protection is the abolition of the traffic throughout the State.

UP-HILL.

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?
Yes, to the very end.
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting-place?
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.
May not the darkness hide it from me face?
You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?
They will not keep you standing at the door.

Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?
Of labor you shall find the sum.
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?
Yea, beds for all who come.

Christiana Georgina Rosetti.
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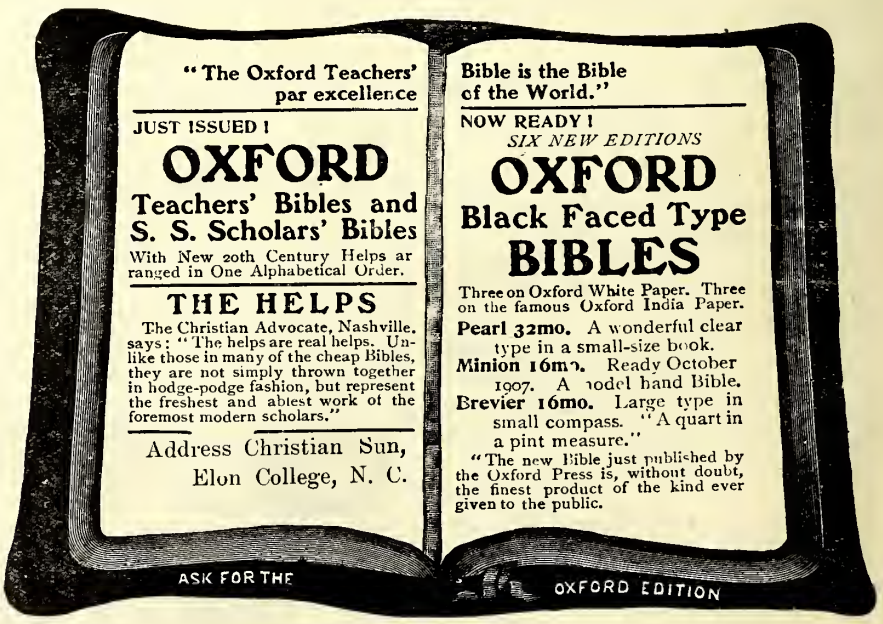
Bunlevel	8:27f	3.15f	
Lillington	8:42s	3:31s	10:37
Cape Fear	8:47f	3:37f	11:00
Kipling	9:02f	3:54f	11:20
Chalybeate	9.06s	3:50s	11:30
Rawles	9:13f	4:07	
Fuquay Springs	9:23s	4:17s	12:00
Varina	9:40s	4:32s	12:05
Cardenas	9:43f	4:35f	
Willow Springs	9.50s	4:50s	12.35
Banks	10:00f	5:01f	12.50
McCullers	10.06s	5.15s	1:10
Hobby	10:10f	5:20f	1:35
Barnes	10:18f	5:28f	1:35
Sylvaola	10:25f	5.36f	
Ar. Raleigh	10:40	6:00	2:10

NORTHBOUND.

	Mon. Wed. Fri.	Dai. Exc. Sun.	Dai.
Lv. Raleigh	8:05	8:00	4:40
Sylvaola		8:25f	4:54f
Barnes	8:45	8.33f	5:00f
Hobby		8:43f	5:07f
McCullers	9:20	8:55s	5:15s
Banks	9:27	9.01f	
Willow Springs	9:50	9:16s	5:30s
Cardenas		9:26f	5:38f
Varina	10:35	9:40s	5:51s
Fuquay Springs	11:00	9:55s	6:00s
Rawles		10.03f	6:06f
Chalybeate	11:30	10:10s	6:13s
Kipling	11.40f	10:14f	6:17f
Cape Fear	12:00	10:29f	6:30f
Lillington	12:30	10:37s	6.36s
Bunlevel		10:50f	6:48f
Carver's Falls		11:30f	7:23f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THE IMPATIENT MAN.

No man is more constantly unhappy, or makes others more so than the impatient man. He is out of harmony with things; and all things fight and worry and wound him. He feels himself dishonored, too by his impatience; and he does lose, so far as he indulges it, the true dignity of life. He is not cast, indeed, like the victim of sensual vice, into the slough of dishonor; his garment perhaps is not soiled, but it is burned through, in a thousand spots, by the ever-dropping little sparks of petulance; and it is in tatters and disorder with the ever-crossing flurries of angry passion; and he seems to himself and to others as one who scrambles through life, rather than as one who walks in the calm and dignified robe of conscious self-possession. Constant fretting and faultfinding and breaking out into sarcasm and anger may bereave a house of all honor, peace, and comfort, almost as effectually as gluttony and drunkenness. Or suppose that the fretful temper be hidden and smothered in the heart, then it wastes and consumes the springs of the inmost life.—Orville Dewey.

DON'TS FOR CHURCHMEN.

1. Don't criticise your pastor. Hold up his hands at his good points.

2. Don't think that you can preach better than he can.

3. Don't ask him to fill the church. Let him fill the pulpit and you fill the church.

4. Don't talk to him all the time about some other preacher, as if you expected him to do as your ideal.

5. Don't give him your judgment of other members of the congregation. Let him form his own opinion. When you cannot hold your tongue about others, then hold it.

6. Don't ask him to visit you as a mere compliment. So many people are afraid of being slighted.

7. Don't find fault with him when he does come to see you, because he has been long coming. He may use up all his visit with you making apologies.

8. Don't ask him to ride your hobbies.

9. Don't go to him with unpleasant things at the close of the sermon, nor load his mind with things you expect him to remember. Write them.

10. Don't disturb him in his morning study. If there is a man in the congregation with nothing to do, let that man keep away from the pastor's study.

The grace of God will make the life gracious.

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At the home of the bride's father, Mr. H. L Jones, Virgilina, Va., Jan. 22, 1908, Miss Effie Jones and Mr. Grover Neal were married by the writer. Miss Betty Jones, sister of the bride, was bride's maid, and Mr. Lew Gregory, cousin of the groom acted as best man. Miss Janie Amis presided a tthe organ and just before the bridal party entered the neatly decorated parlor, Miss Lily Amis sang "Love me and the World is Mine."

Mr. Neal is a valuable employee of the Southern R. R. Co. Mrs. Neal has for several years been the church organist of Union Christian church of which she is a worthy member. As a token of appreciation for her valuable service, the church presented her with a handsome bridal present. After a trip to Washington and other places, Mr. and Mrs. Neal will make their home at Lawrenceville, Va.. May blessings attend their journey through life.

C. E. Newman.

DIED.

Coleman.

Alexander Coleman, age seventy three years, died at Revolution Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 3rd. Funeral service by the writer Tuesday, Feb. 5th. Interment Proximity-Revolution cemetery. A loyal soldier, a Christian, a good citizen.

L. F. Johnson.

Horton.

Deacon J. H. Horton is no more. He went to meet his God Feb. 4, 1908 after a few days of severe suffering. Just a few days before his departure, he was at his church, New Hope, in Franklin Co., N. C., and handed the emblems of his Lord's body to his brethren, and at that service he testified that he was ready to meet his God. He was truly devoted to his church. He was a good citizen, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of his brethren and neighbors.

P. T. Klapp.

Feb. 11, 1908.

McCauley.

Near Chapel Hill, N. C., after a brief illness in the eightieth year of his age, Matthew J. W. McCauley. His wife and all of his children except one son had preceded him to the spirit world. A number of grand children and friends are bereaved by his death. A faithful member of Damascus church and a worthy citizen is lost to the community. May God comfort the bereaved ones.

J. W. Holt.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, death has removed from labor to reward our worthy friend and Bro. Mathew J. W. McCauley, and whereas our brother was for about 50 years a deacon of Damascus Christian Church and a strong supporter of its enterprise, therefore,

Resolved, that the church of Damascus record the high esteem in which he was held, and while we feel the loss sustained in his death we would not forget the service of his long life in behalf of his church. Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon our church record and a copy of the same be sent to The Christian Sun for publication.

Signed in behalf of Damascus church.

S. E. Poythress, Secretary.

Feb. 16, 1908. z

APPRECIATION.

I desire to express in your columns, my sincere thanks to my friends and neighbors for their thoughtful and unceasing kindness during the late fatal illness of my dear mother.

Their gentle ministration did much to lighten the burden of sorrow and bereavement, and their services of love will ever be recorded in my grateful heart. Mrs. R. H. Riedel.

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J. R. Comer.

Asbury, N. C.

I have received for this purpose as follows: Rev. J. L. Foster $10.00; Mrs. W. W. Staley $1.00.

Will all others who desire to aid in this, send contributions to J. R. Comer, Asbury, N. C., or to W. P. Lawrence, Elon College, N. C. or to the undersigned, Graham, N. C.

W. S. Long.

WORK OF LITTLE HANDS.

(A young girl's essay)

The grown folks talk to each other and tell of their joys and sorrows. They visit the sick and help the distressed. But they never think to say a word to us little folks. I guess they think we are of little use any how.

Dear sisters had you ever thought that it takes every member of us to compose the whole body? Is not the little finger part of the hand? I think we have our parts to perform and we should do it, be it ever so little.

You know our world is the home and the school. And in each I think there is work for little hands to do. We can often help mama when she is tired, even sometimes by saying one kind word. In school, should we find one whose lessons are hard and she discouraged; we could only help her a little, would it not be some good?

Can we not speak a kind word to the unhappy? Perhaps it would bear better fruit than if spoken by one of more mature years. Yes, little sisters I think our mission is to scatter sunshine where ever we go. But what can you do for the church and the Society? Don't our pastor need sunshine as well as other folks? Can't we help to make his path brighter by our little light? As for the church, we can do like the little girl, we can stand up for Jesus. Christ says "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Now you know He would not have said this if He had no use for us. He folded the little ones in His arms and blessed them. He has something for each of us to do and we should do it cheerfully for Christ loves a cheerful worker as well as a cheerful giver.

We may not have much money to give but a cup of water is of more value to a thirsty traveler than all the gold in the world. The widow's mite was the most value in the sight of the Lord. A kind word or a smile will often brighten the face of some unhappy person and at the same time help our own feelings. For kindness when rightly bestowed is twice blessed. It blesses him that giveth and him that receiveth.

"Little children love one another," was a command from our Divine Master. It is easy to follow all the other commands when we love every body. But with malice or envy in the heart all else seems wrong and instead of our making sunshine I think we make shadows.

We must try to keep our hearts full of love, then we will make sunshine wherever we go. I have a little poem from Ella Wheeler Wilcox that often

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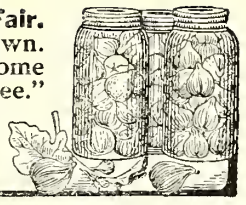


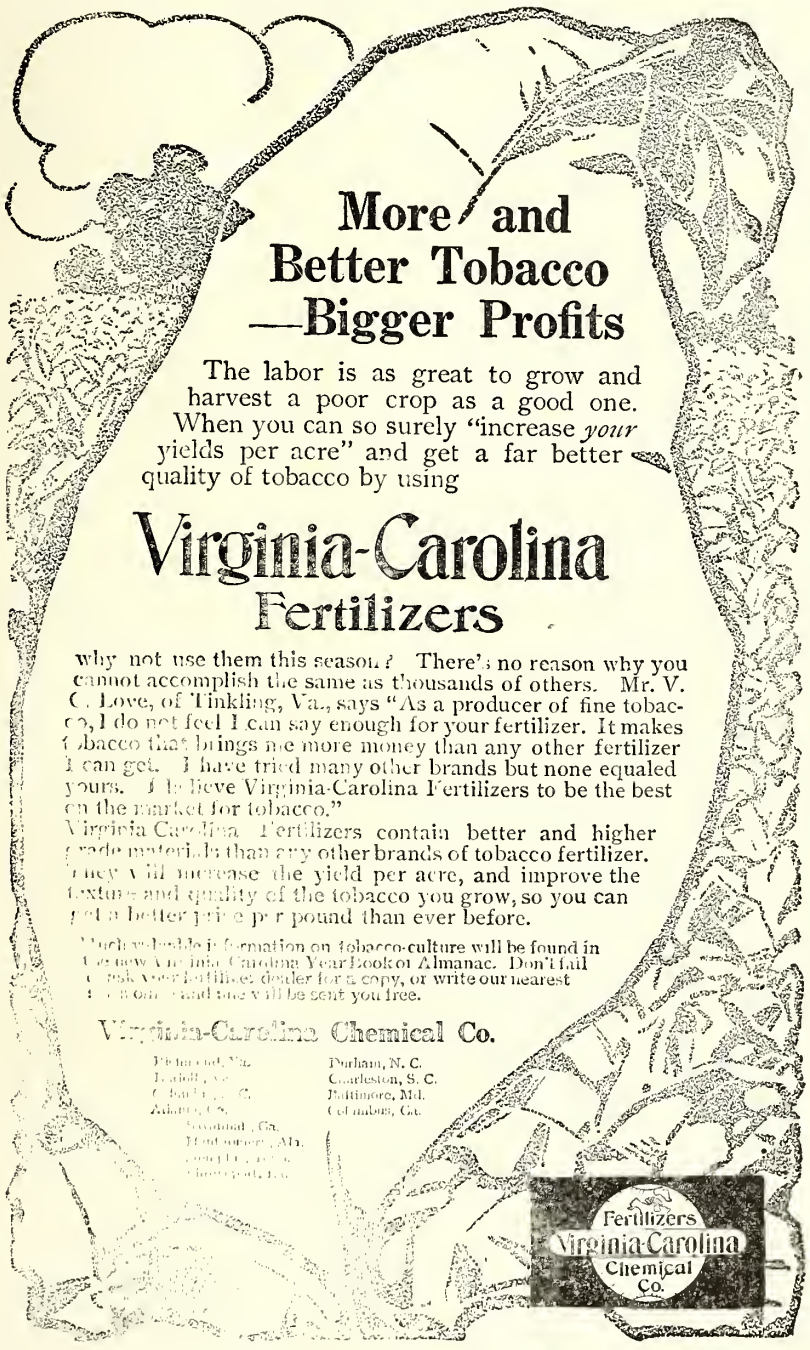
helps me when I am disheartened. And I will repeat it here for the benefit of the little sunbeams.

Give and Thou Shalt Receive.

Give thoughts of cheer;
Of courage and success to friend and stranger,
And from a thousand sources far and near,
Strength will be sent thee in thine hour of danger.
Give words of comfort, of defense and hope
To mortals crushed by sorrow and by error,
And though thy feet through shadowed paths may grope,
Thou shalt not walk in loneliness and terror.
Give of thy gold though small thy portion be—
Gold wilts and shrivels in the hand that keeps it.
It grows in one that opens wide and free
Who sows his harvest is the one who reaps it.
Give of thy love nor wait to know the worth
Of what thou lovest, and ask no returning,
And where so'er thy pathway leads on earth,
There thou shalt find the lamp of love's light burning.

Elmer Welch.

(Read before Sunbeams of Beulah church, near Truett, Ala.)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GREENSBORO LETTER.

Since the annual conference held at Hines Chapel, the Greensboro Christian Churches move quietly on with their work. Two departments have taken on new life. The Sunday-schools are making the best record in the history of the work. H. V. Simpson is Supt. of the first church. H. C. Simpson Supt. of Palm Street church. The schools are fortunate in having such worthy leaders. We want three hundred members in the two schools by the first of May—we will have them.

The Ladies Aid Society has the largest regular attendance since its organization. Miss Vennie Truett is President. The church is greatly indebted to the society for its untiring effort in helping to build and maintain our house of worship. The society has put several hundred dollars into the work. No doubt this will be the best year in the history of the society if new life and interest count for anything. Wish every church could have an active Ladies Aid Society. Not active in getting up fair suppers and cheap attractions to make money for the Lord's Church but active and consecrated in Christian service and Christian giving.

The greatest interest in the minds of our people at present is the coming of the Southern Christian Convention in April. We will be busy for the next few weeks making latch-strings for our doors and while we are thus engaged we truly hope that every appointed delegate in the convention will be making ready to pull the latch-string at some home in our congregation. Write to Secretary L. M. Clymer, Greensboro, N. C., for information.

L. F. Johnson, Pastor.

NEWS ITEMS.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, one of the large supply measures of the government was passed by Congress Feb. 17, carrying $32,336,573.

The Legislature of Miss. on Feb. 13, passed, almost unanimously a tatutory prohibition bill for the entire State to become effective Dec 31. The Governor will not veto, but ratify the bill at once.

The railroads are not as busy as they would like to be, and could be with profit. There are now 320,000 freight cars and 8,000 locomotives idle in the United States. This is about fourteen per cent. of all the freight cars on oll the roads.

The government of Portugal fears an ontbreak of some kind and matters are in terrible straits at Lisbon since the king and prince were assassinated some weeks since.

Beach Hargis inherited from his father whom he killed in Kentucky recently, $50.000 and is to spend the same in trying to clear himself from the crime that sent his father to the grave and himself to a murderer's cell.

By the assassination of King Carlos of Portugal the Equitable Life Assurance Society of N. Y. suffers to the ex tent of $100,000, the King having a policy in the company for that sum. The Equitable has decided to insure the life of no more kings and emperors.

The Catholics are putting their wealth into missionary work. A Catholic paper says that while there were about 26,000,000 Catholics in mission fields in 1901 there were 30,600,000 in 1907. In 1901 there were 31,889 priests doing foreign mission work and there were 42,922 in 1907—an addition of 11,000 in six years. Rome has also learned that the growth and strength of a church lie in its missionary efforts.

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If you do not wish for His kingdom, don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it; you must work for it. And to work for it you must know what it is; we have all prayed for it many a day without thinking. Observe, it is a kingdom that is to come to us; we are not to go to it. Also, it is not to come outside of us; but in the hearts of us. "The kingdom of God is within you." And, being within us, it is not to be seen, but to be felt; and though it brings all substance of good with it, it does not consist in that: "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost;" joy, that is to say, in the holy, healthful, and helpful Spirit.—(John Ruskin.

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